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FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

FORT CUMBERLAND March 29th. 1756

SIR,

Inclosed you have the monthly Return—George Hedgeman resigned last month. —

Captain Gist is the only Officer who, as near, has had good Success in recruiting—I have sent him, at his Earnest Request, £100 to pay off Some Expenses on the Recruits left in Maryland. —

The Sickness continues among the men, and I have a thought of fiting up the New Store for a hospital, but wants Your Orders how to Act at this Juncture.

Mr. Boyd¹ being down at Belhaven,² and lately up at Capt. Waggener has not finished his Acct. so far as he was paid.—Ensign Milner Hedgeman, an Lt Frazer have paid off the Balance of the Recruiting Accns. The rest have not Settled, I shall give in their. Balances due, to Mr. Boyd, who has not paid the officers off for January & Febry—but is about it now; as far as the money in hand will go. I have examined Mr. Walkers Voucher's for the Inclosed Account, and think them Sufficient. —

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I sent him down, thinking that he might probably be of Use in the House, and nothing of importance to be done here, untill further Orders from you. —

Lieut. Stark; who is not one of Us, as you have learnd by mine per Capt. Lewis, declares that he will give up in case he is ordered to Augusta in room of Frazer—It will be very agreeable to me, and I think for the Interest of the Service that you order him there immediately.

To order Capt. Joshua Lewis to Green Brier, To Relieve Capt. Hog; or elsewhere, upon our distant Frontiers, would disappoint him who has declard himself Counsellor & Aid de Camp to Govr. Sharpe.³ He is by with hopes and Expectations, Exults for Joy at the Change, Struts like a Bull Frog, and is ready to Enter the Service of Maryland.⁴

Capt. Coxs Company about 38 Noncommissioned Officers includ—He is here at this time, perfectly happy, and cannot tell me his Exact number. —

Capt. Ashby had 40 men Serjt. included, but taking a disgust at him, Eight of them came to Fort Cumberland to join the Regemt. I sent a Detachmt. of Volunteers in their Room.

I shall Wait your Orders with Impatience, and am with Respect

Sir, Your most Obt. Huble. Servt. ADAM STEPHEN

1 The paymaster.

2 The old name for Alexandria.

3 Captain Dagworthy.

4 Governor Sharpe had been appointed by General Shirley commander of 4000 troops to be raised in the southern colonies.